

a half century earlier. In 2015, he visited Belgium again to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. As one of the official representatives from the United States to this observance, Lynn was greeted by many grateful Belgians who had not forgotten what American soldiers did to liberate them from Hitler's tyranny.

In 2017, the French Government awarded Lynn its highest honor, the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal, an award created by Napoleon in 1802. The letter from the French Government notifying Lynn of this award carried these poignant words, "73 years ago you gave your youth to France and the French People. Many of your fellow soldiers did not return, but they remain in our hearts . . . You saved us. We will never forget. For us, the French people, you are a hero. Gratitude and remembrance are forever in our souls."

As he is buried today, we remember the remarkable life of Lynn Aas. He is one of those personalities who, even at the age of 100, you think is never going to die. Yet he has earned this opportunity to rest, and I join all North Dakotans in sending our sincere condolences and prayers to his family. I am grateful that I could count Lynn Aas as a friend and one of my mentors in public service and public life. He will be greatly missed. God bless his memory.●

RECOGNIZING DAY AND DAY FEED MILL

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Day and Day Feed Mill, a family-owned small business in Columbia, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1954, Garland Day established Day and Day Feed Mill in Columbia, KY. Garland decided to meet the need for a local feed mill providing dairy and beef cattle feeds and supplies. A family-run business from the start, Garland's sons, Allen and Bobby, took over Day and Day Feed Mill in the early 1960s. Continuing the family legacy, Garland's grandsons, Anthony and Gary Day, along with their cousin Ray Brock, stepped up to lead the business in the 1990s. Together, they rebuilt and expanded the business in 2009, building their new location on the same spot as the original Day and Day Feed Mill.

Today, Day and Day Feed Mill continues to thrive as a farm supply store and feed retailer. The family-owned business celebrated its 67th anniversary in 2021 and is led by the third and fourth generation of Days. The full-service farm and ranch supply store plays a critical role in Adair County, providing everything from agro-chemicals and seeds to fishing and hunting supplies. Additionally, the store sup-

ports local Kentucky small businesses, selling hand-crafted goods and gifts. The Days' strong sense of family has built a tight-knit, supportive team, with some families employed there for generations.

Like many small businesses, the Day family has consistently invested in and served their community. They regularly participate in local and regional events, ranging from agricultural fairs to hosting an annual customer appreciation event. Day and Day Feed Mill's outstanding service and high-quality products have consistently earned them recognition from industry groups and community members alike. They were recognized as Business of the Year by the Adair County Cattlemen's Association in 2012 and Outstanding Agriculturist of the Year in 2018 by the Columbia-Adair County Chamber of Commerce. For several years, Day and Day Feed Mill has consistently earned the Adair County Community Voice Readers' Choice Award in several categories, including Best Agriculture Store, Best Sporting Goods/Hunting Store, and Best Customer Service. Over the past year, Day and Day Feed Mills adapted to the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic and continued supporting local farmers as they kept the country fed.

Day and Day Feed Mill is a remarkable example of the critical role that small, family-oriented agricultural businesses play in rural communities. Small businesses, like Day and Day Feed Mill, form the heart of towns across Kentucky and play a critical role in Kentucky's agricultural industry. Congratulations to Anthony, Gary, Ray, and the entire team at Day and Day Feed Mill. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING REED FAMILY FLORAL

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Reed Family Floral of Virgie, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In January 2020, Evan Sykes founded Reed Family Floral. Evan, who grew up in Pike County, was inspired by his family's legacy of entrepreneurship. From 1981 to 2003, his great-aunt and great-grandmother owned and operated a flower shop called Reed Floral. After graduating from Shelby Valley High School and earning an AA from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Evan decided to honor that legacy and establish his own floral business. Starting with \$500, he began making and selling wreaths. The business grew rapidly, enabling Evan to purchase a small building to house his operation.

When Reed Family Floral expanded again, Evan had the perfect location in mind. In August 2021, Evan moved his business into the same building that had housed his family's flower shop decades earlier.

Today, Reed Family Floral has become a local favorite. As the owner and sole full-time employee, Evan handles every aspect of the business, from accounting and marketing, to floral design and delivery. He prepares flower arrangements for any occasion, including weddings, school functions, and funerals. Evan's floral arrangements are in demand year-round, especially around Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. Notably, Evan balanced his entrepreneurship and education. While running a full-time business, he is pursuing a BA in accounting at Morehead State University. As a nonessential business, Reed Family Floral was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic-induced lockdowns. Evan rose to the challenge, working with other small businesses to source supplies and adapting his contactless delivery options.

Like many small business owners, Evan is active in his community. Locally, Reed Family Floral has sponsored the Pikeville High School tennis team and the Shelby Valley High School cheer team. They provide arrangements for school events, and participate in local fairs. From day one, Reed Family Floral has valued customer service and high-quality products. Recently, they were recognized by local news outlet Mountaintop Media as one of the best flower shops in the area.

Reed Family Floral is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in every aspect of building community. Small businesses like Reed Family Floral form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Evan and the entire team at Reed Family Floral. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN HOFER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize my friend, Carolyn Hofer, as she enters retirement after more than 50 years impacting the great State of South Dakota and many of its citizens. Carolyn has worked as an insurance agent, association program administrator, and most recently as the executive vice president of the Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota, IIASD. In that capacity, she has represented hundreds of Main Street small businesses, their employees, and the communities that they serve. She has done a remarkable job of piloting the association as a strong and thoughtful leader.

Carolyn grew up on a family dairy farm near Worthing, graduated from Lennox High School, and went on to

graduate from Nettleton Commercial College. She entered the insurance industry shortly thereafter and never looked back. Carolyn started with Underwriter's Adjusting Company before moving to Pierre and working for Dave Johnson Insurance. Following her time there, the IIASD opportunity presented itself, and Carolyn subsequently rose through the ranks to become the association's top employee.

Despite the many hours that Carolyn has spent serving her agent membership and their customers, she will be the first to tell you that she has received so much more than she has given over the years. That is truly the heart of a servant leader.

I would also like to recognize Carolyn's husband, Doug, who also served our great State for many years as director of the South Dakota State Parks. Together, Carolyn and Doug have positively impacted so many South Dakotans.

The State of South Dakota is truly proud of Carolyn Hofer and wishes her all the best.●

REMEMBERING ARNE SORENSON

● Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the esteemed legacy of my friend, Arne Sorenson, who passed away earlier this year. Arne's many accomplishments in his personal and professional life continue to profoundly impact the lives of many. Most recently, Arne's Marriott family, numbering over 120,000 employees, witnessed his high-caliber leadership as he navigated the company through a turbulent period in the hospitality industry. Arne was a faithful and compassionate servant leader, and I will always cherish his friendship.

Arne's contagious spirit of kindness and generosity sets a high standard for what success looks like, in both public and private life. As a business executive, he cared deeply for his employees and customers and continued to serve as president and CEO while privately persevering through extraordinary health challenges. His selfless leadership is an example we can all aspire to.

The culture he helped build and foster at Marriott is unmatched. Arne's decades of experience in the hospitality industry yielded outstanding results for his enterprise, notably the acquisition of over 30 hotel groups, elevating Marriott to be the largest hotel chain in the world. His humility and wisdom often carried the day. He consistently praised and recognized the achievements of his employees and partners and always sought feedback from friends, family, colleagues, and customers.

Above all, Arne was a faithful and loving husband, father, and friend. His integrity and values-based decision making extended from the business world to the benefit of everyone lucky enough to have known him, especially his wonderful family. Arne's wife and four children were his greatest pride,

joy, and purpose, and while they now mourn his loss, I hope they may find comfort knowing Arne's light will shine on for eternity. May he rest in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW KLEIN

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, today I wish to thank Andrew Klein for his remarkable tenure as dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Of the 21 years Mr. Klein has served the law school, he spent seven serving as its dean.

Under Mr. Klein's leadership, IU McKinney acquired national recognition as one of the best value law schools. Additionally, the school's legal writing and health law programs have often been ranked among the top in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

Over the course of his years as dean of IU McKinney, Mr. Klein frequently called the position the greatest honor of his professional life. Those who worked with Mr. Klein in this capacity admired him for his people-focused and institutionally minded leadership style. Back home in Indiana, Mr. Klein's service to the legal profession has not gone unrecognized. In 2019, he was presented with the Indianapolis Bar Association President's Award for service to the legal profession and the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal for service in support of the university's mission.

Upon announcing his retirement as dean, Mr. Klein made clear that his work at IU McKinney is not yet finished. In addition to his strong leadership capabilities, Mr. Klein has a natural ability to teach and will continue to serve as a professor at the School of Law. His outstanding efforts as an instructor have earned him several prestigious awards, including the Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award.

Mr. Klein's commendable service to the Indianapolis community extends beyond his role at IU McKinney. He serves on the board of directors for the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, an organization committed to providing legal advice to vulnerable populations. Additionally, Mr. Klein serves on the board of directors for Play Ball Indiana, an organization that fosters opportunities for inner-city youth to play baseball and grow as individuals.

Mr. Klein's retirement as dean of IU McKinney marks the end of a laudable chapter for the school, and I look forward to seeing him continue to impact lives there while serving as a professor. I congratulate him on all his tremendous achievements throughout his career and look forward to his further contributions to the greater Indianapolis community and the State of Indiana as a whole.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1064. An act to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch; to the Committee on the Budget.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2570. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Final Determination of Fans and Blowers as Covered Equipment" (RIN1905-AC55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2021; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2571. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Distribution Transformers" (RIN1904-AE19) (10 CFR